

degree in The Scholemaster. Some of Elyot's teachings are ".... after a fewe and quicke rules of grammer, immediately, or inter-lasyng hit therwith, wold be redde to the childe Escopes fables in greke; in which argument children moche do delite. And surely it is a moche pleasant lesson and also profitable, as well for that it is elegant and brefe, as also in those fables is included moche morall and politike wisdome;"¹ "Wherefore in his place let us bringe in Horace, in whom is contayned moche varietie of lernynge and quickenesse of sentence;"² "I wold set nexte unto hym two booke of Ouid, the one called Metamorphosies, which is as moche to saye as, chaungynge of men in the other figure or fourme; the other is entituled De fastis: where the ceremonies of the gentiles and especially the Romans be expressed;"³ "Of which two eratours may be attayned; not onyl eloquence, excellent and perfecte, but also preceptes of wisdome, and gentillyll maners; with most com odious examples of all nible vertues and pollicie;"⁴ "Isocrates concerning the lesson of eratours, is every where wonderfull profitable, havynge almost as many wyse sentences as he hath wordes; and with that is so swete and delectable to rede, that, after him, almost all other scme unsavery and tedious; and in persuadynge, as well a prince, as a private persone, to vertue, in two very little and compendious workes wherof he made the one to kyng Nicocles, the other to his friend Demonicus wold be perfectly knowned, and had in continual memorie;"⁵ "The utilities

1. The Boke Named the Gouvernour, p 35.

2. op. cit., p 39.

3. op. cit., p 39.

4. op. cit., p 42.

5. op. cit., p 42.